

Remarks/Arguments:

Objections to the Specification

With respect to the objections to the specification the following amendments have been made.

A. The specification has been amended to set forth the length and width of the sepals as well as the apex and base shape. The shape, surface texture, and number of sepals were already set forth the specification.

B. The specification has been amended to set froth the surface texture of the petiole/rachis and to correct the length. The color was already set forth in the specification.

C. The specification has been amended to describe how the new variety differs form its parents. No similar cultivars are known.

It is submitted that the objections to the specification have been overcome by these amendments.

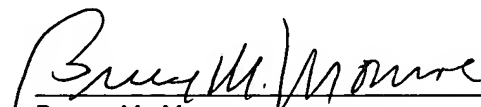
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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the claim is in condition for immediate allowance and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to phone applicant's attorney if it is believed that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



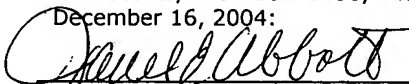
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